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INVESTING IN PEOPLE

(Education)



Sulu Governor addresses USAID-sponsored youth

“Do not go to school because you want to be employed. Go to school because you want to employ,” said Sulu Gov. Abdusakur Tan as he encouraged the graduates of the Skills Training and Industry Immersion of out-of-school youth in the two municipalities of Talipao and Luuk. The Governor also discouraged them not to go abroad and seek for a job outside the country.

The Skills Training and Industry Immersion Project

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was sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through its Education Quality and Access for Learning and Livelihood Skills (EQuALLS2) program and partnered with Save the Children.

The project offers a core set of interventions aimed at increasing access to quality education for elementary

schoolchildren, and relevant learning and livelihood skills training for out-of-school.

Gov. Tan said “that at one time I was also an out-of-school youth, but I realized that I would need some knowledge to become what I am and seek knowledge to become successful.”

Tan called on the graduates to organize themselves into a cooperative so that the Provincial Government could provide for the seed money to start it moving.

Sulu Provincial Cooperative Officer Yusop Abubakar has been busy organizing cooperatives all over the province since last year. Initially, organized groups from the eleven (11) barangays in the municipality of Talipao, will be trained on the tenets of cooperatives on April 24.

The EQuALLS2 project is implemented under the coordination of the Education Development Center (EDC) in partnership with the team of international and local organizations with expertise in education and youth development in Mindanao.

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